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If thou would'st read a lesson that will keep thy heart from wandering, go to the words and tell. — Longfellow.

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MILROY'S WITHDRAWAL

FROM McDOWELL TO FRANK-
LIN.

A Private Movement of the War.

Those who may have read about
Milroy's withdrawal from Mc-
Dowell to Franklin, will remem-
ber that an interview was going
on between one of Ashby's men
and a citizen. The confiding
about it seems expressed him self
somewhat to this effect:

"The confederates are pretty
badly worried by fighting and so
much forced marching. Conse-
quently Jackson and Johnston are
about to be separated some, before
fighting anymore, if it can be
done. So Jackson has moved his
army back to Monterey. John-
ston himself is wounded and gone
to Staunton, but his men what are
left are somewhere near Doe Hill,
and it is likely they may stay
where they are until Fremont or
Shields comes to stir them up."

"Now don't you forget it, I tell
you these things as a friend, and
I have no fears, that you ever be-
tray my confidence, for you are
most too friendly to us confede-
rates, and too good a Southerner
to tell anything to our disadvan-
tage."

"It might be very bad you
know if the Yankees should get
reinforcements and move upon
our men while they are resting
up, and before they get over their
hard fighting and so much march-
ing."

The confidential citizen is high-
ly pleased and goes back to the
house by himself and begins to
talk about the early potato patch
he has just begun to see after and
tells one of his boys to get the
seed ready, fix up the fence well
to keep out the pigs, be sure and
do it right away.

He looks around upon the
troopers and makes the remark,
"Why I thought there were five
of you stopped, and only four of
you here now. Is the other gone
back to carry despatches while I
was out at the patch?"

"No, he is about somewhere,
he will turn up before long. He
is probably out watching to keep
the Yankees from taking us by
surprise, while we are enjoying
your nice good things."

After awhile he comes in and
reports no Yankees in sight and
after a little more time passed
in social chatting, the scouts pre-
pare to mount and ride away.

Before starting however their
hospitable entertainer says, "Gen-
tlemen will you be so good as to
give me your names?"

"O certainly Sir," Then fol-
lows a mutual introduction, all
around, names most fictitious, but
the same as genuine to him. Look-
ing the one in the eye, he had
talked with at the patch, he very
pleasantly remarked, "Men call
again whenever it may suit you,
my house is always open to you,
soldiers fighting for our rights, I
think, ought to be well treated so
long as the Yanks leave me any-
thing to do with."

"Thank you kindly, sir, we will
with pleasure." Mounting their
horses away the troopers dashed,
both parties however laughing in
their sleeves.

Who laughed the most gleeful-
ly it is hard to say, but who had
the best reason for laughing the
reader may decide.

Not long after the scouts passed
out of sight, on their return up
the Branch, their genial host
seemed to have some business
with a neighbor, "a confidential
friend on whom he could rely,"
and after an interesting interview,
they separated mutually pleased.

That neighbor forthwith would
have urgent business at Franklin,
and soon he was trotting down the
Pike in joyous mood, feeling sure
Mr. Fremont would make him
very welcome at his grand head-
quarters.

The famous Pathfinder now
saw his way clear as to have to
proceed and master the situation
in hand. Nothing but a few, on
the break of day all were or west.

more regiments is needed to crush
the rebellion in the mountain de-
partment. Doe Hill and Mon-
terey, with the paths leading
thereto, are now the subjects of
his hourly thoughts the themes of
his dreams of conquest and future
renown.

Doe Hill and Monterey are the
names to be emblazoned upon the
platform on which a grateful
people might ere long stand and
raise him to the presidential chair.
Had it not been for an ominous
dispatch from General Banks
there is but little reason for doubt-
ing that Monterey and Doe Hill
with their fictitious Stonewall
Jackson and the wounded Rough
and Tumble Johnson would have
been seized and captured with-
out the firing of a gun.

Not many events that make up
the history of the war between
the states are more suggestive
than those that make up the lead-
ing subject of these two papers,
Milroy's withdrawal from Mc-
Dowell and Jackson's withdrawal
from Franklin. In the writer's
matured opinion these two with-
drawals made the affair on the
hills over, shadowing McDowell

an event of pivotal significance
as to whether the war between
the states were to close in 1862
or 1863. Had Milroy stood firm
to a finish at McDowell and been
forced to capitulate, the union
forces in the Valley of Virginia
would have been so consolidated
as to have forced Jackson to re-
main west of the Blue Ridge and
the exploits on which his fame
largely rests as a commander
would have never occurred as we
can see, and Richmond would
have capitulated to McClelland
in 1862. Had Jackson pressed
Milroy and Fremont at Franklin
even successfully then Banks and
Shields could have headed him
off in such a way that if he es-
caped it would have been by the
way of Covington and Lynchburg
to the south of the James and
the flank movement that routed
McClelland would not have been
feasible and the result would have
been peace in 1862.

Such views while speculative are
so plausible that one must
feel that more than ordinary in-
terest attaches to the two with-
drawals in question.

Milroy's withdrawal from Mc-
Dowell is something unique in all
the annals of modern warfare so
far as I am advised. It was
managed in such a way that the
private citizens could not tell
there had been a withdrawal and
after they found it out could not
determine the direction taken
whether in pursuit or retreat.

There was one person however
that went so far as to assert pos-
itively his belief that Gen. Milroy
was on the way to Staunton press-
ing the confederates for union
soldiers had told him so. This
skilful withdrawal was in view
from the time the battle opened
at Stirlington Hill. Gen. Jack-
son seems to have intuitively de-
vised that the enemy had entirely
neglected the key to the whole
position. So he ordered the ad-
vance to leave the road by flank-
ing to the left and take position on
the summit of Stirlington hill
which would command the enemy's
encampment and place the train
and camp equipment completely in
the power of the confederate
artillery.

Gen. Milroy to prevent this
opened hostilities by sending up
a number of his best regiments
to dispute the possession of the
hill and it became the storm
centre of the conflict. At night-
fall hurried preparations were
made for withdrawal managed
with signal skill. The first thing
done was to kindle large camp
fires as if the troops were pre-
paring supper. The pickets were
easily reinforced and then the
forage and provision teams along
with the ambulances were filled
with the sick and the wounded
and the dead, and started while
the battle was still raging at dark
and some time after darkness had set
in. The artillery followed the
trains closely and by two o'clock
in the morning was in full retreat
by the break of day all were or west.

THE SASSFRAS.

THE HERB THAT CHEERS AND
INVIGORATES.

Sassfras Parties All The Go At This
Season of The Year.

The lowly sassfras lends its
aid now to all who desire to give
a pink tea. It is useful in many
other ways too. The hostess who
wishes to give her house-party a
little outing, may arrange for an
excursion to the woods to ac-
cumulate sassfras roots. Hoes and
half-handers constitute the proper
apparatus for this social function.

The gentlemen too have their
innings on this social root. It is
the proper thing for a gentleman
to organize his select little party
and go to the woods for sass-
fras. The roots are dug before
refreshments are served in order
that no mistakes may be made in
selecting the proper tree.

Sassfras has become quite the
thing, don't you know!

Along about the Ides of March
after such a winter as was never
seen before the humours of the
blood proceed to boil. At forty
every man's a physician or a fool,
unless by reason of strength he
happens to be both, and some
suggest sarsaparilla and some
sassfras.

There are two kinds of sass-
fras—the red and the blue. The
red is the right kind and the blue
has a depressing effect. There
seems to be no way of telling the
difference between the two until
they are both steeped when one
gives off an unholly looking liquid
about as desirable for consump-
tion as soap suds, while the other
is a sparkling beverage like the
red, red wine, which when served
in fragile flower-like china at a
five o'clock tea is the one and
only pink tea of America.

The sassfras or sassatrack is
an American tree found along the
eastern states from Canada
to Florida. It ranges in size
from a tree fifty feet high in the
South to a mere shrub in Canada.

We people of West Virginia
have always thanked our lucky
stars that the sassfras was com-
paratively scarce in this State, as
too much of it denotes poor land.

The great plains of East Vir-
ginia over grown with a growth
of sassfras are considered a re-
proach. To say that a man has
sassfras growing on his farm is
to decry the same in market, and
take off cent per cent from the
purchase price of said farm.

Whenever a West Virginian
moves to those east Virginia
plains, the sight of all that sass-
fras haunts him in his sleep and
he speedily leaves the county and
babbling of sassfras when he gets
back. When asked what sort of
a country he has been in, his
answer is "Sassfras." It is a
long time before he can shake off
the sight of the sassfras bushes
of east Virginia.

What little sassfras grows in
the mountains of West Virginia
seems to grow upon fairly good
ground.

One of the first ship loads sent
from Virginia to Europe was a
load of sassfras. It is a great
beverage in England where it
goes by the name of saloop.

Good Work Team for Sale.

I have a good strong team of
work horses that I wish to sell,
also one set of good log harness,
anyone in need of same will do
well by applying to me.—J. E.
Belcher, Seebert, W. Va.

miles away from the scene of
action.

Mrs. Robert Bodkin whose
home was three or more miles
west of McDowell reported that
General Milroy passed her house
just about daylight riding alone at
some distance in the rear of the
artillery detailed to cover the re-
treat.

So quietly and secretly was all
this accomplished that on the fol-
lowing morning citizens who
lived and spent the night in the
vicinity were not able to decide
whether the enemy had gone east
or west.

Browns Creek.

The last few days reminds us
of the gentle spring will soon
be here.

Sugar making in full blast,
sage planting has been done.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Coe Bev-
erage, a girl.

Still they move—Rufus Satton
moves from Meadow Creek to
Henry Guns place, W. H. Gun
from Browns Creek to the Hills,
Lanty McCarty is preparing to
move to Little Creek in Bath
county.

W. G. Raekman of Sunset was
calling on his old friends here
last Sunday.

H. P. McLaughlin has had a
severe case of gripp for a week
or more.

G. W. Ginger and family of
Huntersville, spent last Sunday
at C. L. Moores.

Heverly Dille, was looking
after his interests here last Sun-
day.

Miss Morella Hogsett who has
been staying at the Camden Ho-
tel at Marlinton for some time
back is at home.

The hop skip and jump at O.
D. Warwick's last Friday was
O. K.

S. R. Hogsett made a business
trip to Seebert and Mill Point
last week.

W. B. Corbett & Bro., from
Highland are back and sawing
for Dr. J. B. Lockridge.

Amos P. McLaughlin & Co.,
are getting out a big saw set,
Corbett & Bro., expects to do
the sawing.

Four candidates out for asses-
sor, Joe Buzzard holds high, low,
Jack and the game, hurrah! for
Joe and his mule.

Mr. J. M. Schoemaker, vice-
president and general manager of
the Pittsburgh & Lake Erie Rail-
way, is reported as saying that
the Meadow River Railroad, re-
cently incorporated in West Vir-
ginia, to build from Ronceverte
on the Chesapeake & Ohio Rail-
way to Richwood on the Baltimore
& Ohio, will form part of a
through line, to be composed of
the Wheeling & Lake Erie and
the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad,
running from Pittsburgh down
through timber and coal regions
in West Virginia to the Ches-
apeake & Ohio Railway. Con-
nection between the Pittsburgh &
Lake Erie and the B. & O. will
be made at Connellsville, Pa.—
Mfg. Record.

Married, Ira A. King from
Anthonys Creek and Miss Lelia
E. Rimel, daughter of R. D.
Rimel at Rimel on March 16,
1904, Rev. G. W. Nickell offi-
ciating.

Commissioner's Sale of Land.

Pursuant to a decree of the
Circuit Court of Pocahontas
County, West Virginia, entered
at the October Term, 1903, in
the chancery cause therein pend-
ing of J. S. and J. B. Smith vs.
J. W. Campbell and others, the
undersigned special commissioner
will on

Tuesday, April 5, 1904
at the front door of the court
house of Pocahontas County pro-
ceed to sell at public auction the
highest bidder the following real
estate situated in the village of
Hillsboro in said county, consist-
ing of two lots adjoining contain-
ing 4 1/2 acres being the same land
conveyed to J. W. Campbell by
J. S. and J. B. Smith by deed
dated Nov. 1, 1902 of record in
said county in Deed Book No.
33 at page 248. This land has
on it two dwelling houses and
other improvements.

Terms of sale: So much cash
in hand as will pay costs of suit
and expenses of sale and \$666.66
with interest from November 1,
1902, the residue in two equal
installments with interest, falling
due on March 1, 1905 and March
1, 1906, respectively the pur-
chaser executing bonds with good
security the title to be retained
as ultimate security.

F. R. Hill,
Special Commissioner.
J. H. Patterson, Clerk of the
Circuit Court of Pocahontas
County, West Virginia do hereby
certify that the above named
special commissioner has executed
a bond in the penalty of \$3000.00
as such special commissioner.

J. H. Patterson, Clerk.

POLITICS IN BARBOUR.

MR TETER RECEIVES A SLAP.

Breach Caused by Court House Quar-
rel.

As is well known Chas. E.
Teter, of Barbour County, is a
candidate for Governor on the
Republican ticket, opposing the
tax reform candidate, Wm. M.
O. Dawson, of Preston and Kan-
sas Counties. Mr. Dawson's
plans for selecting delegates to
the State Convention from Kan-
sas County were violently op-
posed by certain Kansas County
Republicans and a large mass
meeting was held at the court
house on March 6th. It was
passionately addressed and it
warmly resented and kicked
generally against giving the Kan-
sas Delegation to Mr. Dawson,
not only to vote for him but as
merchandise to be used in what-
ever trading might be necessary
at the convention.

All of this was no doubt very
satisfactory and pleasing to Mr.
Teter, who is supposed to repre-
sent the substantial business in-
terests of the State, which go by
the opprobrious name of corpora-
tions.

But last week the same sort of
a storm was raised about the ears
of Mr. Teter in Barbour County.
The county committee feeling
friendly to the home candidate
called a mass meeting for April
2nd to meet at Philippi and there
select delegates to the State con-
vention. If Mr. Teter's friends
were in the majority then the
delegates elected would be for
Mr. Teter.

Now in Barbour County in the
last few years, the large town of
Belington has sprung up and last
year there was an election as if
moving the county seat from
Philippi to Belington, and after a
long hard fight Philippi retained
the court house and proceeded to
anchor it fast by building an ex-
pensive court house. Now Bel-
ington evidently believes that no
good thing can come out of Naz-
areth, and it held a large and
enthusiastic mass meeting at
Belington last week to protest
against the action of the executive
committee and to demand that the
delegates be elected by districts,
and if the request be not complied
with, to send a delegation to the
State convention itself.

Phillippi sent an envoy to the
Belington convention in a bril-
liant young lawyer of that town
whose business it was to address
the convention and make every-
thing right, but he was refused
permission to speak.

It will be seen that Mr. Teter
has trouble in his home camp.
Barbour county has only eighteen
votes in all and it would make
little difference if a few of those
were lost, but the prominence the
dispute has been given has a bad
effect on the Barbour candidate.

One of the worst scrapes that
we ever got into in Pocahontas
county was over a mass conven-
tion called to meet at the court
house to nominate a member of
the legislature and a member of
the county court. It was on a
June Court Day in 1894. The
county seat had just been moved
from Huntersville and there were
certain animosities still alive.
Greenbank district was a long
way from the county seat in those
days and they viewed the action
of the county committee with
alarm and disgust. Eldray had a
candidate and Greenbank one for
the legislature.

The Greenbank people did not
hold any rump conventions.
They simply passed the word
around for every voter of the
Greenbank district to be in Mar-
linton that day. When the time
came the people of Greenbank all
being Democrats there were not
able bodied men enough left at
home to have repulsed an Indian
raid. The Greenbank people
simply covered the ground and
had everything their own way and
nominated their candidate by an
overwhelming vote.

The late Captain W. L. Mo-

Neel presided over the meeting,
and his fine sense of humor kept
down any serious controversy.
He seemed to regard it all as a
huge joke.

We nominated two men for the
county court, as well as we can
remember, but that was fixed up
amicably afterwards. Some of
the members of the county exe-
cutive committee were conspicu-
ous by their absence. It was no
put up job on the part of the com-
mittee. If it was it worked dis-
astrously. But it is safe to say
that the committee has never
fallen into the same error since.

An Outing 50 Years Ago.

Early that bright, fresh summer
morning, two schools went swim-
ming over the beautiful sea plow-
ing great furrows in the briny
deep. Not "schools of herrings,"
but veritable boys and girls taking
a summer-days outing; and it was
the steamboat did the swimming,
and the plowing. Objective poin-
of the excursion in question was
an island down the Bay, looking
off to the great Atlantic whose in-
terminable waves stretched on au-
thor and on, until the very sight
was wearied with the lots of
water.

The schools referred to studie-
lally in the same building under
excellent corps of teachers; the
young ladies below stairs an
grammar school of boys above.
On occasions, the schools were
thrown together; during lecture,
when learned Professors came from
the city opposite, with formula-
ble array of paraphernalia in
chairs, to discuss the wonders an-
merits of Physiology and Chemis-
try. And each summer the teach-
ery chartered a steamboat, in
honor of the schools, for a long
day, a long day's picnic, and a
sit back to respective homes in
the gathering shadows of evening.
The excursions enjoyed by the
young and staid by the old,
teachers and friends were time-
to be remembered, even to late
years when scholars themselves
have grown old and play the
their part towards another genera-
tion.

Arrived at the Island we disen-
barked and went in file up the
hill side for there were "consider-
able mountains so near the sea
too, past pleasant residence,
stone cottages and country villas,
all we rested under the trees an-
were let loose within certain re-
strictions to amuse ourselves as we
listed.

There were many luncheon-back-
ets and these were secured in places
of safety while we ran, played
games, swung in rustic swings,
walked on the fine roads around
everywhere, or lolled on the green
grass in converse with teachers,
friends or ourselves. And so the
bright day wore on, divided by
the gay lunch parties here and
there, dependent on the nimble
boys who brought us water from
afar, for 'tho' there was water
water, everywhere, that great
ocean in full view, we saw no
liquid aqueous fluid that we wished
to drink.

I seem yet, so vivid the mem-
ory, to be one of a merry group of
boys and girls engaged in primi-
tive juvenile play that all enjoyed
greatly. An immense circle
clasping hands move first slowly
then faster around one in the cer-
ter; the object was to form our-
selves into a revolving wheel
without spokes and the "hub" al-
ways a girl, to seek exit between

us catching one to take her place
in the center. Around and round
we went like so many whirling
dervishes without the heaving
part. The boys had so few hold-
ing places about their clothes and
were so "slippery" a little girl
said they could not well be caught
but the girls dresses, sleeves, etc.,
furnished better hold and so it
came about 'twas ever a maiden
formed the center of our living
wheel. It was a pretty play and
on the grass an occasional stum-
ble or fall did no great harm, and
a few torn habiliments were soon
mended or gathered up, till a worn
and group of young humanity
got to think of something else
to do and while the waiting hours
away.

At length the word was given
and all prepared to wend back to
the city and our homes. As we
marched in different groups of
two or many, carrying our empty
light baskets, some kind of brown
sone fortification lay in our way
and being opened we walked in.
It was more like a fort than aught
we ever saw, massively built and
with many winding chambers. I
do not know what possessed me
to wander from my companions
into one of the side labyrinths,
just to see what it resembled and
explore a little, forgetting the
langer. In a few moments I be-
came aware and trying to retrace
steps scarcely knew which way to
turn, there were so many open-
ings; to call aloud was of no
avail for now I could not hear the
voices of girls and boys I had
left. Suppose I should take the
wrong road to them and be left
a night or forever in this great
one place, what would become
of me! I did not stop running for-
ward, hoping I had the right track,
I did not cry, indeed I scarcely
breathed I was so deeply scared.

Surely, if I had a guardian an-
gel, I needed his strong services
then, to lead my willing hand and
feeling feet, I think the angel
came and helped me, for soon I
impeded my companions far
ahead and flew like lightning to
them—and kept silence a long
time after rejoining them. I had
been lost in a fort and was found
again.

A. L. P.
Marlinton, W. Va.
March, 1904.

Any Chuach or personage or
institution supported by voluntary
contribution will be given liberal
quantity of the Longman & Mar-
tinez Pure Paints, whenever they
paint.

NOTE: Have done so for twenty
seven years. SALES: tens of mil-
lions of gallons painted nearly
two million houses upon guarantee
to repaint if not satisfactory.
The paint wears for periods up to
"eighteen" years. Linseed oil
must be added to the paint (done
in two minutes.) Actual cost
then about \$1.25 a gallon.
Sample free. Sold by our Agents.

Notice!

To the Farmers of Little Levels
District:

All persons wishing Page Wo-
ven Wire Fence will please give
me their orders by March 25,
1904, as I expect to make my last
order at that time until after the
busy season. Ordering as I do
in car load lots, an opportunity
is given you to save heavy freight
charges by buying your fence
from me at this time.

J. P. BEARD,
Academy, W. Va.

Watch Repairing.

Yes, we pride ourselves in this branch of our business.

No matter what your watch may need, we
are prepared to repair it.